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# The Global Youth Conference is in 2 Weeks!

**Join us October 17-18!**

To the Charter for Compassion Community,

As the Charter's Global Youth Strategist, I am thrilled to introduce one of our most anticipated youth events of the year! After months of hard work, our team is proud to announce the inaugural edition of the Charter for Compassion Global Youth Conference: Youth for Compassionate Advocacy & Actions, taking place virtually on October 17-18, 2024.

This groundbreaking conference is designed to empower and inspire young people worldwide to become champions of compassionate advocacy. It will bring together an incredible group of global youth leaders, activists, and experts, each eager to share their insights on how we can foster a more compassionate and inclusive world. The event will feature live sessions across time zones, youth-led dialogues, dynamic workshops, and valuable networking opportunities...

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***In 2 WEEKS!!***

**Global Youth Conference: Youth for Compassionate Advocacy & Actions**

Join us in empowering young individuals to champion youth advocacy through compassionate actions as we bring together global youth leaders, youth activists and experts to reflect on ideas and ground-breaking insights on a world with more compassionate action.

**[Learn More and Register Here!](#)**

## **Charter for Compassion News, Programs, and Webinars**



### **Harmony Of Humanity: Exploring Common Ground Through Music with Marilyn Turkovich**

**Every Wednesday, at 8am PT / 11pm ET /  
4pm BST / 8.30pm IST**

Music has been an integral part of every culture throughout history, reflecting the unique characteristics and traditions of different societies. From the rhythmic beats of African drums to the intricate melodies of Indian ragas, music provides insight into the lives, histories, and identities of people around the world. By studying various musical traditions, we gain a deeper appreciation for the diversity and richness of global cultures.

**[Learn More and Register Here](#)**



## On Love, Hope, and Compassion

Join us for an inspiring four-part series that explores the essential role of hope, love, and compassion in creating a more just and harmonious world. Through personal stories, expert insights, and visionary thinking, this series will invite participants to reflect on how these values shape our lives and communities, and how we can actively cultivate them to build a brighter future.

[Explore Our New Webinar Series Here](#)



### Global Read: "Fragrance of the Qur'an: Reflections on Verses of Beauty and Wisdom" By Imam Jamal Rahman

**Wednesday, October 16, at 9am PT / 12pm ET / 5pm BST / 9.30pm IST**

In this program, in response to questions, Jamal will reflect on various verses of beauty and wisdom from the Qur'an in order to understand some of its deeper meanings and relevance to our time and our world today. We invite you, regardless of your faith or no faith, to join us on this journey of discovery.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



## **EdNet Forum: "The Power of Films to Teach Global Citizenship + Media Literacy" with Virginia Pittaro from SIMA Academy**

**Thursday, October 17, at 7.30am PT / 10.30am ET / 3.30pm BST / 8pm IST**

The main goal of this presentation is to introduce SIMA Academy to educators while highlighting the relevance and effectiveness of integrating this type of impact media and authentic storytelling in the curriculum for a transformative learning experience.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)



## **Charter Education Institute** Cultivating Happiness in Life with Imam Jamal Rahman

**Course begins Monday, October 21, at 10am PT / 1pm ET / 6pm BST / 10.30pm IST**

Abiding happiness or joy is our birthright! But, in this world of duality where suffering exists side by side with happiness, how do we attain to this state? In our daily life where we encounter uncertainties, trials and tribulations, is lasting happiness possible? Ancient and contemporary sages reply with a resounding "Yes!"

In this 4-week class we shall explore their counsel about ways to achieve enduring happiness. From the Eastern traditions we shall glean insights and practices; from the "Book of Joy" we shall extract wisdom from the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)





## Welcome Compassionate Taunton, UK

On September 28th 2024, in the afternoon, a very historic event happened here in Taunton, Somerset, UK, at The Taunton Minster. The Mayor, Cllr Vanessa Garside, The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Martin Straus, Rev'd Tobie Osmond, The Vicar of The Minster, The Lord High Sheriff, Rob Beckley and Andy Spragg from The Sangha House, all signed The Charter for Compassion, declaring Taunton a Compassionate Town. Andy Spragg has been gently working with the Council for 5 years, towards this signing.

What does it mean for the town? Well, in the Mayor's words, it is a commitment by the Town Council to undertake decisions and policies with a compassionate perspective. Embodying compassion into all its decisions. We are the 3rd town in the UK to sign. Andy Spragg a UK representative for the Charter for Compassion now has the task of rippling the charter down through the town and out into wider Somerset. The Mayors of Glastonbury and Wells have already expressed an interest in signing.

This truly is a historic event for the town and Andy is now encouraging people across the town to sign the charter and help to drive compassion into our companies, social organisations and at an individual level, right through the town. He has organised a public signing, with the Mayor, on October 10th.

## From our Partners



## Our Pride: 2024 Shorts & Arts Fest

**October 1-31 during LGBTQ+ History Month!**

The Global LGBTQIA+ Festival for Filmmakers, Content Creators, Artists, Young Adults & Teen Students

Learn more about this virtual fest by reading a blog entry by John Boswell, Lead of the LGBTQ+ sub-sector for the Charter for Compassion.

[Read Entry and Buy Tickets Here](#)

## CIVILITY SUMMIT 2024: Join hundreds of civic leaders online

On **October 10 (October 11 in AUS)**, hundreds of civic leaders from over 350 cities will be gathering at the first-of-its-kind online Global Civility Summit sharing strategies to bridge divides, enhance civil discourse & renew civic culture. You're invited!

It's online, free, but spaces are limited—secure your spot today!

[Learn more and Register Here](#)



## Compassionate Spiritual Ecology: A Virtual Gathering via Zoom

**First Monday of the month, 7am PT / 10am  
ET / 3pm BST / 7.30pm IST**

Hosted by Jennifer Wilhoit (TEALarbor stories  
[Spiritual Ecology Training](#) Founder/Mentor) and  
Brooke Gilley (Naturalist, Spiritual Ecology  
Training Graduate, Forest Bathing Guide)

Come gather with us for ninety nourishing  
minutes every first Monday of the month for an  
exploration of Compassionate Spiritual Ecology.

Together we will engage the many ways of  
embodying Spiritual Ecology values, practices,  
and rituals to enhance our everyday connections  
with the sacred in the Earthy wild within and  
outside of us.

Please bring a journal, pens, and a sacred-to-you  
item to each gathering.

**This will be a monthly offering, occurring on  
the first Monday of each month: Oct 7th,  
Nov 4th, Dec 2nd, Jan 6th, Feb 3rd, Mar 3rd,  
etc. Free to attend! (Register to get access)**

[Learn more and Register here](#)



## GoldenRuleism Resources

Many school children are returning to schools  
and education centres across the world this week  
in the Global South and North! We have two  
relevant and practical children's and  
educators/parents resources that have been  
designed by the GoldenRuleism Team, to be fun,  
interactive and functional ways to ease children  
back into their education environments and  
assist in navigating some of the completely  
rational nerves and excitement that comes with  
starting or restarting school again!

[Check Resources Here!](#)





## **Save the date! \*Wednesday, November 20, 2024\***

This summit is an incredible opportunity to connect, learn, and be part of the compassionate initiatives happening worldwide.

Event highlights:

- International panel featuring global experts
- Diverse range of topics with a focus on experiences
- Interactive conversations and group formation based on the proposals received

**[Interested in Attending? Click/Tap here!](#)**

**[Interested in Presenting? Click/Tap here!](#)**



## GLOW 2024

**November 20 & 21, 2024**

Learn more about the 3rd Annual  
**G**lobal **L**earning for an **O**pen **W**orld Conference.

The GLOW Conference highlights important work in developing global competencies and experiential learning. One of its chief goals is to present practical, actionable steps that all attendees can take in their own contexts to implement innovative educational approaches. This emphasis distinguishes the GLOW Conference from many other educational conferences: we want to showcase effective educational approaches and make it easy for others to try those approaches in their own teaching and learning contexts.

**Proposals can be submitted from July 1, 2024, until midnight (UTC-5) on October 20, 2024.**

For additional details and to submit a proposal, [visit this document](#).

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

*If you are a Partner organization, or belong to a registered Compassionate City/Community with us, and want to promote your events in The Spark, the Charter for Compassion's newsletter, email [contact@charterforcompassion.org](mailto:contact@charterforcompassion.org)*



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**October 10** - Special Guest Anum Mulla, Global Youth Coordinator.

*If you'd like to be featured in the LIVE show,  
email [felipe@charterforcompassion.org](mailto:felipe@charterforcompassion.org)*



## **Compassionate Discourse During Divisive Times**

**Wednesday, October 23rd, 12pm PT / 3pm ET / 8pm BST /  
12.30am IST / 6am AEST**

As we find ourselves in the heat of a contentious time, with hope and fear living in parallel and an election just over a month away, it is critical that we find a path forward, a path for living in unity when we have great differences.

This discussion provides tangible tools to hold compassionate conversations, ways for us to center ourselves amidst despair and frustration, and perhaps most importantly, we'll unlock the knowledge that what binds us is more prevalent and important than what separates us.

**Register Here!**

## Featured items on the Store



### Infinity Logo Dad Hat

**US\$30**

Dad hats aren't just for dads. This one's got a low profile with an adjustable strap and curved visor.

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### Infinity Logo Beanie

**US\$28**

A snug, form-fitting beanie. It's not only a great head-warming piece but a staple accessory in anyone's wardrobe.

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